

Discipleship Tools

In a season of live streaming and canceled children's programs, may the following questions and activities guide you in helping your children apply the sermon.

1 Peter 4:12-19

If you miss the live stream, you can view the sermon [here](#).

Sermon Discussion

Preschool

1. What is suffering? What are some ways people suffer in this world? Can you think of examples in the Bible of people who suffered for following Jesus?
2. How can you encourage someone who is suffering?
3. What would you do if someone were mean to you just because you love Jesus?

Younger Kids

4. Why shouldn't trials surprise us?
5. How can suffering be good for us?
6. What does it mean to suffer for Christ's name?

Older Kids

7. How can we be prepared to face suffering?
8. How can we encourage people who are suffering?
9. What kind of situation could you find yourself in where you might suffer for Jesus?

Christ Connection

How does this text point us to Jesus?

Follow Jesus' example and trust in God's faithfulness, even in the midst of suffering.

Activity

Ironing Object Lesson

Use ironing as an object lesson for teaching your kids how suffering can be compared to ironing a wrinkled shirt.

Say, "Look at this shirt. It's a mess and I'm going to need a super hot iron to straighten it out so I can wear it. Imagine if you were this shirt. It would be a very painful experience to have someone stretching and ironing you with a super hot iron! But that's a lot like what God does with us when we face trials and difficulties in this world. The trials might seem painful and an experience we would rather avoid, but we can trust that even when things are really difficult God is still working for our good and he is shaping us to look more like Christ."

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